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**Butterfly Days Promotes Awareness for Fairfax County's Children
in Foster Care**

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Fairfax, Va. – Butterfly Days is a community awareness project intended to educate Fairfax County residents about the more than 450 children in the foster care program. The Fairfax County Department of Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Program invites school-aged children to participate in Butterfly Days by hand decorating butterflies at the Dulles Town Center on April 2, and at the Springfield Mall on April 16 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The decorated butterflies will be hung on special butterfly trees to symbolize a new beginning for the children in foster care. The goal is to raise awareness about the children and to encourage more people to consider joining the remarkable group of citizens who already serve as foster parents in our community.

There is no cost to participate and art supplies will be provided. Representatives of the county's Foster Care and Adoption Program will be available to answer questions and provide information on how to become a foster parent.

What: Butterfly Days

When: April 2 at Dulles Town Center from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
April 16 and 30 at the Springfield Mall from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Where:	Dulles Town Center	Springfield Mall
	21100 Dulles Town Circle	6500 Springfield Mall
	Dulles, Virginia 20166	Springfield, VA 22150
	www.ShopDullesTownCenter.com	www.springfieldmall.com

For more information about the Fairfax County Foster Care and Adoption Program, and to learn how you can help, call 703-324-7639, TTY 703-222-9452. Information is also available on the county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs.

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. Please allow five working days in advance of events to make the necessary arrangements.

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